

COMPARISON OF KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF DRYWOOD, SUBTERRANEAN, AND CONEHEAD TERMITES

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Characteristic	Drywood Termites	Subterranean Termites	Conehead Termites
Food preferences	Narrow	Broad	Broadest
Habitat preferences	Narrow	Broad	Broadest
Body size of workers and soldiers	Relatively big	Intermediate	Smallest
Body size of swarmers (alates)	Small	Small	Largest
Reproductive rate (egg production and swarmer production)	Slow	Intermediate	High
Flexibility of reproductive options	Limited	Intermediate	Diverse
Population size of typical mature colony	Small	Intermediate	Largest
Percentage soldiers in a colony	1-2%	1-2%	up to 30%
Typical foraging distance from nest	Close	Intermediate	Farthest
Building of conspicuous foraging tunnels above ground	None	Limited	Extensive
Visibility of mature nest	Hidden	Hidden	Conspicuous
Piles of small frass pellets pushed from infested wood	Present	Absent	Absent
Scientific family name	Kalotermitidae	Rhinotermitidae	Termitidae
Scientific genus names	Examples: <i>Cryptotermes</i> <i>Incisitermes</i>	<i>Reticulitermes</i> <i>Coptotermes</i>	<i>Nasutitermes</i>